



UUU Connections

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County

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Who We Are

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

(Services start at 10:00 a.m.)

Soulful Sundown at 7:00 p.m. on designated Sundays:

Recharge your soul for the week ahead with these special Sunday evening services.

Everyone is welcome! For more information, email Chas at chasbrua@gmail.com.

October 6, 2019 - (Morning Service) - Rev. Carol Thomas Cissel

Dissecting the First Principle

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles. The first is: THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON. We say loudly and often that our faith holds and upholds reverence and respect for all. DO WE? If so, HOW? And, HOW do we share this principle with the world?

October 6, 2019 (Soulful Sundown) - Leader: Virginia Hubbs

Spiritual Practices in the Time of Political Campaigns

Political campaigns are a time of high energy, thoughtful discussion, optimism about change and more. They are also a time of anxiety, frustration, and other negative emotions. This Soulful Sundown will draw from the work of authors Fredric and Mary Ann Brussat to explore spiritual practices including questing, openness, reverence, and listening that can help navigate the political season.

October 13, 2019 - (Morning Service) - Rev. Carol Thomas Cissel

Designing Democracy

Imagine it. Imagine the kind of world you want to live in. Democracy is probably an essential part of that world. Instead of wishing, hoping and dreaming - let's discuss how we can move beyond imagination, and tap into what Unitarian Universalism can do - to create true democracy for all of us.

October 20, 2019 - (Morning Service) - Worship Leaders: Janet Irons & Caitlin Sager

The Elephant(s) in the Room

White supremacy is insidious. It is ubiquitous. It permeates every aspect of white culture and white society. In this service, we will examine some of the ways that even well-intentioned white people may inadvertently uphold white supremacist beliefs and practices in our congregation and in our own lives.

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Thoughts From The Rev...

"People shouldn't be afraid of their government. Governments should be afraid of their people."

- Alan Moore

"What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or in the holy name of liberty or democracy?" - Mahatma Gandhi

"If voting made any difference, they wouldn't let us do it." - Mark Twain

What exactly is Democracy? Is it simply having the right to vote? Or, is it working to treat those who are marginalized as we treat ourselves? Maybe it's freedom from oppression? Or could it be ... dismantling the political, economic and societal systems currently in place (systems that serve the few, not the many), and creating a level playing field?

Democracy may contain these elements, but that isn't what DEMOCRACY IS. I looked at a wide variety of definitions (including Merriam Webster and The Urban Dictionary) and not a single description encompassed what I believe democracy is.

So, I am turning to poetry. These two poems, written by Langston Hughes, carry in their words the essence of what democracy, or the lack of it, means to me. It is a promise unfulfilled. It can be nebulous. It is shaped by our personal backgrounds and life experiences. Democracy is one of those things that is extremely hard to define ... but you know it best, you feel it in your bones - when you do not have it.

Love & Blessings,
Rev. CTC

Democracy (1949)

Democracy will not come

Today, this year

Nor ever

Through compromise and fear.

I have as much right

As the other fellow has

To stand

On my two feet

And own the land.

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The President Speaks

Striving for democracy is a hallmark of Unitarian Universalism, reflected in our 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. At General Assembly this summer, a powerful Statement of Conscience, "Our Democracy Uncorrupted" was adopted. See the UU World Fall 2019 Issue. I urge you to read the full text at <https://www.uua.org/action/statements/our-democracy-uncorrupted>.

With this in mind, think about what privileges or resources you might have. What are ways you can create and support equity and increase inclusive participation? Consider how you might participate at UUFCC and beyond, one-time to ongoing.

Looking to broader efforts with local and statewide UU involvement, here are a couple of the groups working toward building a real, inclusive democracy: Nonpartisan Fair Districts PA, at fairdistrictspa.com, raises awareness of the need for redistricting reform and works to end gerrymandering. UUPlan (UU Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network) at uuplan.org, is a coalition of UU congregations working on seven key issues: criminal justice reform, economic justice, environmental justice, good government, gun violence prevention, immigration justice and reproductive justice.

Collective work is crucial, as is individual work. So I encourage you to tune in to upcoming elections, get informed and VOTE. In Centre County, October 7 is the last day to register to vote in the November 5 elections.

Lighter-hearted democracy-in-action comes soon: the UUFCC Chili Cook-off is November 3, just after the morning service and before the midyear meeting. At the Chili Cook-off, thanks to the work of the RE Committee and many helpers and cooks, the congregation is able to sample and vote for our favorite homemade chilies.

Afterwards, it's on to the midyear meeting. The midyear meeting is a time to help shape and support the Fellowship together. We gather to hear and discuss important updates, and members vote on items such as the rest of this year's First Sunday Plate Collections and the proposed nominating committee. The nominating committee will bring forward the slate of Board trustees at the next annual meeting in late Spring 2020. Then open trustee positions will be President-Elect (four-year term with two as President-Elect and two as President), Secretary (two-year term), and one trustee at large (three-year term). So please join in!

Etta Habegger

Lifespan Religious Education

From the DLRE...

One of the things I love about directing a religious education program is that I get to support hard-working and giving families who come here seeking fellowship and learning. The structure in which we do that is largely created by the voices of those families, including their children. As the middle and high school families gathered together to discuss our coming year, our youth and our parents spoke up about what would be most meaningful to them to do this year. Folks often come to me with an idea of something they would like to offer or something they think would be valuable for our community, or for a need their family has. In this way, we create our religious education journey together, and it is a rich journey because it is woven throughout with the beautiful voices of all involved. And I know these voices do not come from a void, but from the careful listening to each other that starts in the home where our children and grandchildren are heard and empowered to think and speak what is important to them. Then we listen to each other in our communal setting and we act together.

What does this journey look like this month?

OWL Begins!

This year we are teaming up with University Baptist and Brethren Church to offer grades 7 - 9 and grades 10 - 12 OWL classes Sunday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Grades 7 - 9 will start Sunday, October 6, and grades 10 - 12 will start Sunday, October 13. They will run every following Sunday night through October.

Parent Circle!

We would like to welcome parents of students from grades 6 - 9 to meet for discussion and community the second Sunday evening of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. starting Sunday, October 13. Also, we would like to welcome parents of students from grades 9 - 12 to meet for discussion and community the fourth Sunday evening of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, October 27. Please see Ashley Hamlin for more details at ahamlin@uufcc.com.

REC Meeting

Notice our new meeting time!

Tuesday, October 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Room B

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Shout oUUt Corner

Each month the Program Council recognizes those who have "gone the extra mile in service to UUFCC." This month, we send out thanks to the following:



Wendy Snetsinger, for repainting the colorful and beautiful new Peace Pole! **Ken Riznyk** rescued the old Peace Pole, cleaned it up, and gave it to Wendy for further beautifying.

Reverend CTC, for combining a service on working with the blessing of the backpacks and the rededication of the Peace Pole, into one beautiful celebration, culminating in dancing, singing (thanks to the **Song Circle**), drumming (thanks to **Tim Summers**), and clanging of our wonderful huge gong, with brass stand, thanks to **Phil Halleck**.

Kyle Hynes, for serving as Youth Representative to the Program Council for the second year in a row.

Michelle McMullen, UUFCC Office Administrator, and her family for making and selling the lunch at the UUFCC Yard Sale. Best sandwiches we ever had!

Cee Pollard for her outstanding leadership of the annual UUFCC Yard Sale. She was the calm in the midst of controlled chaos for a week, and helped us to raise over \$7,000.

All those who helped in any way with the UUFCC Yard Sale. This includes those who donated items, priced, sorted, arranged, cashiered, bagged or boxed, "floated," hauled, lifted, manned the attic to store supplies, purchased, greeted and/or assisted shoppers, transported, and otherwise assisted in the dozens of tasks to make a successful yard sale! Thanks to you all!

Jay Searles and Jodi Vender and family for providing produce and pies sold each Sunday during the summer and harvest months. Simply delicious ... and organic!

People who weeded the memorial garden space, including **Laura Kemper, Caroline Vancura, and others.** Looks beautiful!

All those who helped put the chairs back in the Sanctuary on the Sunday morning following the yard sale, August 18.

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News from the Worship Committee

Happy Fall! There are a few changes brewing in Worship we'd like to communicate to you.

For starters, you may have noticed that we no longer list an end time for services. There are a couple of reasons why. First, some services, like Water Communion and RE Sunday, just can't be contained into a 60-minute time slot. These services are a celebration of our community, and we're grateful to have the time together. The second reason is the unpredictable nature of worship. When we have Joys & Sorrows, or when children are in, there are factors outside the control of even the most time-conscious worship leader. And while these service elements may take some extra time, we believe that it is time well spent, as these are ways we build community with one another. We do our best to make sure services last approximately one hour, and we implore you to keep an open heart and an open mind when services run a few minutes past 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Carol introduced the exciting concept of theme-based ministry to us three years ago at our first Worship Committee Retreat. One way we're looking to expand this practice, aside from having a service each month on the theme, is to have a monthly discussion group. We'll provide a short article for you to read ahead of time, or you can just show up a few minutes early. The first Theme Cafe will be on Sunday, October 20, on October's theme: Democracy. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the library for fellowship and discussion around this timely topic. Stay tuned for more information. We hope to see you there!

Additionally, you may be wondering where Time for All Ages went. Worry not! We are still actively pursuing the goal of creating meaningful intergenerational worship, but this component of our services has gotten a little name-change and a makeover. We hope you will share our excitement for Wisdom Lessons. This is still the time in our services where children and the young at heart are invited forward to sit on blankets at the front of the sanctuary and a story is shared with the congregation. The big change is you. Yes, you! We would like to hear your story. It could be one of Aesop's fables or your favorite children's book, anything that can be shared with our multigenerational congregation. If you have an idea you would like to share, please contact Rev. Carol (revcissel@uufcc.com) about upcoming services.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about worship, please email uufcc.worshipcommittee@gmail.com. We are here for you, so we are happy to have your feedback. See you on Sunday!

Worship Committee

The Board Report

This column gives you a quick list of what the Board of Trustees worked on in our monthly meeting, and offers several points of information we'd like to share.

In September, the trustees:

- Approved an ad hoc committee to identify congregants willing to serve on this year's nominating committee.
- Voted to provide each UUFCC employee with a letter that reaffirms their employment, emphasizes that they still are employed "at will," and documents the details of their employment at the start of each fiscal year. This procedure will not apply to the minister (that procedure is covered in the bylaws) and will replace the annual employment contracts described in the current Personnel Policy Manual. UUFCC has consistently emphasized in the manual and past contracts that staff are employed "at will" for an unspecified period of time. Under Pennsylvania law, "at will" means that either the employer or employee may terminate the employment relationship at any time for any reason. The Fellowship's trustees recently learned that the UUA advises congregations to document "at will" arrangements with each employee at the start of every fiscal year with a letter, not a contract. A lawyer also advised providing annual letters to UUFCC employees.
- Learned that the UUFCC solar power application is not moving forward at this time. The PA Solar Center said that the combination of a small project (in solar developers' scale), mostly ground-mounted sites (higher expense), and lack of audited financials resulted in the solar developers not bidding on our project.
- Discussed strategic priorities, including ways to promote leadership development and fill vacant volunteer positions. The Board will initiate a workshop in November with the Program Council and others to discuss organizational aspects, including membership coordination, committee charters, and the status of the Operations/Administrative Team (OAT).

Chas Brua, secretary

Announcements

NO Thanksgiving Dinner! *(Unless we can find a host)*



This year, neither John Chubb nor myself are able to host the UU Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be the first year that we are not able to do this. It is my sincere hope that someone will be able to carry on this year. Both of us need to be with our respective families right now. I am happy to assist in any way I am able. You can contact me at: leller01@aol.com or at 814-883-0392

Blessings,
Linda Eller



UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES **(continued)**

October 20, 2019 (Soulful Sundown) - Leader: Chas Brua

Creation Stories of the Navajo

First Man, First Woman, Turquoise Hermaphrodite, White Shell Girl, and a trouble-making coyote called First Angry - these are some of the protagonists who founded our world, according to the Navajo creation stories. In this service, we'll explore these spiritual stories of danger and wonder.

October 27, 2019 - (Morning Service) - The UUFCC Jazz Band and Dave Morris, Band Director

Jazz Sunday!

A be-bopping, swinging Sunday morning ... filled with music and words to lift your spirits and touch your hearts. Dancing in the aisles is encouraged and certainly expected!

Fellowship Items

People News

Bo Blizard, son of Maggie and David Blizard, and his wife, Amy Brown Blizard, daughter of Laura and David Brown, had a baby on September 8, 2019. The baby boy, named Sidney (Sid) Morris Blizard, was 7lb. 1oz., and is the third grandson for Maggie and David and the first grandchild for Laura and David.

Gloria Thompson's memoir *My Life and Other Fiction* has recently been published.

Jay Searles has accepted a position with Penns Valley Schools to teach 9th grade science.



Fellowship Supper



Please join us for the Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, October 16. We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a main dish, side, salad, or dessert to share if you are able. We'll honor all those with October birthdays with cake and a song. For folks of all ages!

Poetry Break



Falling

I am falling for fall,
I whirr and thrum with
silent treeless leaves,
their brilliance twirling
in the breeze,
then warm, now cool
as everglades that once
knew sun.

I love the fall,
the downward furl of flush
that lays a quietness over earth --
an interim till snow.

Maya Spence

Calling all poets:

We encourage you to send in your wonderful poetry for us to print. The topic should be appropriate and no longer than 20 lines. We want YOU!

Music For All Ages

UUFCC Music Series

Bassoon and Friends

with bassoonist Daryl Durran

Sunday, October 13, at 3:00 p.m.

We look forward to a program of woodwind music with bassoonist Daryl Durran on Sunday, October 13. Daryl is professor of bassoon at Penn State. Colleagues joining him for this program will be Ann Deighton, piano; Rachel Copeland, soprano; Tim Hertz, oboe; Anthony Poehailos, clarinet; Lisa Bontrager, horn; and student bassoonists Kevin Milligan, Annie Lui, and Tatum McGeary. Mark your calendar, and plan to join us for a wonderful afternoon of music for woodwinds! Suggested donation is \$15 for adults, and \$2 for students. Proceeds benefit the performers and our music program.

Young Artists Concert Series

Júrame - A Vocal Recital of Latin American and Spanish Composers

Soprano Mariana Corichi Gomez with pianist Svetlana Rodionova

Sunday, October 27, at 3:00 p.m.

We also look forward to an interesting program of Latin American and Spanish music by soprano Mariana Corichi Gomez on Sunday, October 27. Mariana is from Mexico and lived in State College from 2007 to 2017. She sang with the State High Master Singers and Chamber Singers, the State High Thespians, and the Concordia Singers of the Nittany Valley Children's Chorus. Now she is a music major at Princeton University, where she studies vocal performance and conducting. Donations will go to Save the Music, a non-profit organization that gives grants to underprivileged school districts to build sustainable music education programs.

Mary Alice Graetzer, for the Music Committee

Thoughts From The Rev...

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I tire so of hearing people say,
Let things take their course.
Tomorrow is another day.
I do not need my freedom when I'm dead.
I cannot live on tomorrow's bread.

Freedom
Is a strong seed
Planted
In a great need.

I live here, too.
I want freedom
Just as you.

I look at the world (1930)

I look at the world
From awakening eyes in a black face—
And this is what I see:
This fenced-off narrow space,
Assigned to me.

I look then at the silly walls
Through dark eyes in a dark face—
And this is what I know:
That all these walls oppression builds
Will have to go!

I look at my own body
With eyes no longer blind—
And I see that my own hands can make
The world that's in my mind.

Then let us hurry, comrades,
The road to find.

Wednesday Game Nights



All are welcome at 6:00 p.m. on the first, second, fourth and fifth Wednesday night in Fellowship Hall to learn and play table-top games. There will be no formal potluck, but please bring and share drinks and food, especially non-sticky, non-greasy game-friendly types.

Any games you want to play are fine, but most nights most of us play modern "Euro-style" strategy games. Except perhaps briefly and in a humorous way, you will not be attacked and eliminated. In most cases, we compete to earn victory points.

There is a lot to think about. You have several legitimate choices on each turn ... you don't just "roll your dice and move your mice." The two most-popular games in the world now are cooperative, with players helping one another beat the game mechanics. Yes, we delightedly teach people who don't know these games.

Questions? Ask somebody with a Meeple sticker on their nametag. And take a look at UUFCC's game collection in the chair/table closet in Fellowship Hall.

Chuck Berry



Group Meeting Diving Deep

The next meeting will be a discussion about the book *Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner. We'll meet at Elaine Jurs' house on Tuesday, October 22. At 7:00 p.m. there is a brief social time followed by a discussion at 7:30 p.m. that will be facilitated by Ileen Carter. For more information, please contact Maggie Blizard at mwoblizard@gmail.com.

Maggie Blizard

Social Action

The Social Action Committee meets the third Sunday of the month in the library. Ken Riznyk is the representative to the Program Council. Peg Dobrinska is the overall chair. Every SA project has its own coordinator. Green Sanctuary meets the first Sunday of every month, and the Racial Justice Task Force meets regularly, too.

First Sunday Plate Collection - Annunciation House - October 6

Annunciation House is devoted to accompanying the migrant, homeless and economically vulnerable peoples at the borders since 1978. One of our UUPlan board members went to El Paso to work at Annunciation House last March. I contacted her when she returned to learn if she thought this was a viable way to assist those caught up in the humanitarian crisis on our border. She assured me that it is an excellent program staffed almost entirely by volunteers.

"One comes to appreciate the reality that there can be no we and they in our lives, but only brothers and sisters all sacred and dignified." - *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Peg Dobrinska

Pursuing justice by voting, advocating and making just public policies



Update from UUPennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network

Democracy is not a Spectator Sport

Advocacy Day - Saturday, October 12

We will carpool!

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Program: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Morning Session:

Reading the PA Political Tea Leaves: Where do we go from here? Micah Sims of Common Cause PA, Rabbi Michael Pollack of March on Harrisburg and Carol Kuniholm of Fair Districts PA will present their views of the current situations in Harrisburg. It will be a robust conversation about moving legislation to reclaim our democracy.

Social Action (continued)

Afternoon Session:

Opportunities for UUPLAN to Be Even More Effective: Our new Director of Legislative Affairs will describe “UUs Go to Harrisburg,” followed by a brainstorming session among UUPLAN justice teams. The way some other UU State Advocacy Networks do their work will be presented. Justice Team Leaders and attendees will have a chance to share their thoughts and ideas. Session ends with ice cream.

Gun Violence Prevention

“After a long, bloody summer of mass shootings, it is time for us to gather together monthly and discuss the gun violence epidemic that is getting increasing attention from the media and the public,” stated Tom Buglio, UUPlan Gun Violence Prevention leader, at a recent UUPlan meeting.

He said that advocates for gun violence protection are trying to decide how far to push legislatures: whether to go for very strong measures, such as mandatory gun licensing as suggested by Democratic presidential candidate Beto O’Rourke, or to push for priorities like Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO), Universal Background Checks in Washington, and that which is possible with Republicans being in control of Harrisburg and the U.S. Senate.

Buglio, who is looking for input and participation in anti-gun activities said, “I am optimistic that the issue of gun violence is reaching a tipping point, and that real change is not far away.”

Other News:

- The NRA was declared a domestic terrorist organization by San Francisco City Council.
- The U.S. House passed three more Gun Violence Protection Bills on September 10.

Marilyn Jones

(Information from a letter sent to UUPlan GVP by Tom Buglio)

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Social Action (continued)

Raise the Wage PA

Raise the Wage PA, a group that is supported by UUPlan, is a coalition of groups advocating for a minimum wage increase in Pennsylvania. They rented a small plane to circle over Beaver Stadium from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. before the Penn State/Pitt game on September 14. Its message read: “PA workers deserve a living wage! Text WAGE to 33339.”

The group is working to increase the minimum wage from its current \$7.25 an hour to \$12.00 an hour by July, 2020, and to \$15.00 per hour by 2025.

As well as delivering a high-flying message, about 50 volunteers canvassed at the Penn State library and the parking lots where people were tailgating. They handed out cards with information, and collected signatures to support the wage increase. Banners were also held up at the end zone.

In addition to the continuing efforts of Raise the Wage PA and its supporters, Governor Tom Wolf pledged “to keep fighting tooth and nail for a higher minimum wage.”

Marilyn Jones

(Information from Jan Murphy’s article in PENN LIVE – Patriot News)

Green Sanctuary News

*The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet
on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 2.
All are welcome!*

Carpool to the UUFCC

Create an account on the CATA RideShare website and find a UU buddy to carpool with. We are listed as a destination on their site to make it easier; just list the dates and times you would like to carpool, and let it find for you people on similar schedules. The more people that sign up, the easier it will be to find matching schedules!

<https://catabus.com/catacommute/rideshare/>

Troy Frank

Lifespan Religious Education (continued)

Parents' Night Out!

Saturday, October 19 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and our backyard (weather permitting), our childcare staff will create a fun space for games, crafts, a simple dinner, and possibly a movie for our kids while parents get some time off! This event is free of charge, but donations will be accepted. Please look in the e-news for a sign-up link!

RE Family Pumpkin Carving and Potluck!

Join us Saturday evening, October 26 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the fellowship for a fun evening of carving pumpkins and a potluck! Pumpkins will be provided, and all ages are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.

This Year's Theme

This year in RE, we have an overarching theme of UU Identity - what does it mean to be UU? Here is how our youth RE classes are structured:

Nursery

Available for use during the service to all parents with infants. Equipped with baby changing table, crib, rocking chairs, and speakers to hear the service.

Toddler Room

Trained CPR/First Aid certified childcare staff are available to watch young children from 6 months to 3 years old (not potty trained) from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each Sunday morning.

Preschool

Our friendly preschool teachers and assistants will welcome all potty-trained 3 - 5 year olds into a loving environment for fun and learning! They use a combined curriculum of We Are Many, We Are One and Chalice Children.

Grades K and 1

All rising Kindergarten and first grade students are welcome! This year we are studying the UUA Tapestry of Faith curriculum, Creating Home.

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Lifespan Religious Education (continued)

Grades 2 and 3

All rising second and third grade students are welcome! We are studying the Spirit of Adventure curriculum that takes a variety of subjects (medicine, sports, science, etc.) and looks at some of the great Unitarian Universalist leaders in those fields.

Grades 4 and 5

All rising fourth and fifth grade students are welcome! This year we are studying the UUA Tapestry of Faith curriculum, Toolbox of Faith, that explores UU faith through the lens of fun science experiments.

Middle School Youth

All rising sixth through eighth grade students are welcome! This year we are looking at various theological concepts through the lens of the Simpsons in our curriculum, D'oh God.

High School Youth

All rising ninth through twelfth grade students are welcome! We create our own topics of discussion and community building.

Ashley Hamlin



Shout oUUt Corner (continued)

Michael and Cait Sager and family. When the hymnals were locked in an office and no one had a key, for the service on Sunday, August 18, Michael typed out the words to the service hymns, ran off lots of copies, and he and their children, Margaret and Eddie, passed them out to the assembled congregation. The next day, Monday (their day off), the Sager family were able to retrieve the hymnals and carefully placed them in all the chairs in the Sanctuary. Above and beyond indeed! You are the best, Sager family!

If you know of anyone who has "gone the extra mile in service to UUFCC" and deserves a shout-out, please contact Elaine Jurs at emjurs@gmail.com, and they will be recognized in the next newsletter.

Social Action (continued)

The Fall 2019 "Love your Planet Film Series" *The Theme is Travel*

Watch award-winning films in the most comfortable venue in State College: Foxdale Auditorium! The Green Sanctuary Committee and the Foxdale Village Green Committee are partnering to bring you four mind-expanding films featuring the impact of travel.

October 2: *Milking the Rhino*: Historically, both the Maasai of Kenya and the Ovahimba of Namibia have been cattle farmers. Because their lands are becoming protected game preserves, both turn to animal tourism as a means of survival.

November 6: *The Pollinators*: Beleaguered Pennsylvania beekeepers truck their bees to wherever there are crops to pollinate. Orchard pesticides can wipe out a hive.

December 4: *Walking the Camino* is a classic that examines spiritual travel. The film chronicles six people's journeys on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. (*This month's film is co-sponsored by the Penn State Institute For Sustainability.*)

Dorothy Blair

Love Your Planet Film Series *This month's film: Milking the Rhino* *October 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Foxdale Auditorium*

Our Green Sanctuary Committee will team up with the Foxdale Green Committee to show "Milking the Rhino," a film uncovering the complicated relationships among wildlife conservation, "big game" tourism in Africa, and the effects on indigenous culture. Using the Kenyan Maasi and Namibian Ovahimba situations as case studies, we learn how these ancient tribes deal with the loss of their old relationship to cattle, and if they can successfully negotiate a new relationship to foreign big-game tourism. Run time is 85 minutes.



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